

# HIGH POINT

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## VALE!

by Danielle Ramos

It is hard to believe that four years ago we hadn't even begun high school, and in just a few short days we will be graduating. We have all had great times in this school. I have had a lot of fun at Ford, and I would like to thank those who have helped me here. I wish I could put everyone's name down, but I think it would fill up this whole issue of **Highpoint**.

Thank you:

**Mom**—First and foremost, I want to thank you for doing everything in your power to send me to this school, for sacrificing each month to get the tuition in on time; I really do appreciate it.

**Mr. Bianchi**—You have been like a father to me. Thank you for all those things you have done for me these past three years; for being a great teacher and getting one to learn all that chemistry and physics and enjoy it; for that sense of humor (Kush Machine Poor Conductor); and especially for all the advice and support you have given me.

**Mr. Miraglia**—For helping me out whenever I needed it; for giving me all those good recommendations; for talking to me about college and other things honestly and encouraging me; for being a great friend.

**Mrs. Bianchi**—I remember in our freshman year Latin class, you always gave us those pep talks when you thought we needed it. Thank you for them (I still remember them), and for telling me I can always do whatever I want to do; and for giving me the courage to do it.

**Mr. Kozik**—For being a strict teacher who really demands discipline, and for making me laugh at the same time; for always having an exciting class that kept me alert every minute. You really helped me learn a lot.

**Mr. Chiusano**—For teaching me about life; for always being brutally honest about my work, which helped me become a better writer.

**Mr. Simonetti**—For teaching me about the wonderful works of John Milton (*Paradise Lost*) and William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. I'll always remember them.

**Mr. McKay**—For being a great advisor to **Highpoint** and for always giving us the freedom to express our ideas.

**Mr. McGovern**—For giving me an appreciation of the arts; for helping me learn about classical music, painters, sculptors, composers and architects and really like it, which is something I never thought I'd do.

**Mr. Slow**—For helping me keep my sanity when dealing with all those college tests, admissions forms, recommendations, FAFS, FFS, SATS, etc. Need I say more?

Thank you to all my friends (you know who you are) for helping me have a great time in school every day and always making me laugh.

Good luck, seniors!

## If You Thought THIS Was Bad...

by Sandra Paul

Now the time has come: graduation. Four years ago that word seemed like an unobtainable goal to all of us. It seems as if it was just yesterday that we walked into Bishop Ford. And in a few days we will walk out.

Ford has shaped us into preparing for the future. We have also made friends who will never be forgotten in our hearts and who will remain special even after we have left Ford. We will also remember those teachers who have left great impressions. For example, Mr. Piscelli leaving us dumbfounded in the midst of completing a math problem; Mr. Kozik taking the fun out of kissing by yelling about the exchange of germs; Mr. Villa and his sexist remarks about women. Brother Tom and his famous phrase "Ah-Oh-Oh-Ah!" All the teachers helped us when we needed it the most, and all of us should say **Thank You!**

When we step out into the real world, it won't be about following Sr. Mary, Mr. Fernandez, or the other staff members rules; it will be about following the rules of society.

Fellow seniors, I would like to leave you with these thoughts:

Cherish your visions, cherish your ideals, cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for if you remain true to them, your world will at last be built.

## Prom Gitters

by Christina Prestra

Chances are you aren't worried about the prom yet. You think you have everything under control.

As the magic number in the senior section diminishes, you will become nervous. Then you will imagine yourself in the worst scenario possible. You should pay close attention to these nightmares, because they will encourage you to prepare yourself.

Imagine that you have arrived at the salon to have your hair done for the Prom. Your name is called. Time is flying, and all your hairdresser can say is, "I can't do a thing with it!" You leave with a look you could have achieved by spraying your hair after walking through a rainstorm.

Perhaps you're walking through the hallway when a fight erupts. You, being a curious person, stop and observe the fight. A punch is thrown, someone ducks, and guess who gets slugged? Makes for a nice prom picture.

You're probably saying, "Yeah, well, I'll be careful at the salon and in the hallways. You're not safe yet."

Picture yourself at home. It's prom night. You just had your hair done and it looks great. It is time to put on your outfit, whether it be a dress or tuxedo. You haven't tried it on since you brought it home, because, "Hey! Once is good enough, right?" Wrong. You start to put it on, and you realize you must have had too many fries or something. But there is no time to find another outfit. So, you suck in and button up or zip up. There, that's not so bad, until you breathe and your dress or tuxedo begins to rip at the seams.

Most likely you will look perfect. The only thing standing between you and the Prom now is your limousine. A few problems can arise.

Remember the white, 1991, Magnum you paid \$2100 for? Well, as you're waiting, you hear a horn. You rush to the window. You see a beat up, black, Cadillac limousine. Another possibility is that the correct limousine does show up. You get in and drive off to pick up your date. You get to his/her house, and no one is home. What do you do?

That's a good question. What would you do if any of these things happened? Well, just be prepared, so I can't say, "I told you so."

## FORD TEACHERS EXCESSED

by Christina Prestia, Danielle Ramos and Isabel Reyes

On April 15th, eleven to fifteen Bishop Ford teachers were notified that they were being laid off. Isn't there a better way to maintain the school's budget without cutting loose some of the best teachers we have? The teachers who were dismissed are vital to the Ford community and are excellent teachers. Teachers who are not doing their jobs should have been dismissed. Why should the good teachers be let go and our parents pay more to have poor quality? Syphon out poor quality. Some of the teachers being let go are people who work hard to make sure we get the best possible education and leave Bishop Ford with a lot more than just a stamped piece of paper. A lot of our teachers over the past four years have given us not only a deep understanding of the material in the course, but also a feeling that we were friends and special people. They affected us greatly and taught us not only the facts but how to think. Ford will not be the same without them. What further shows their dedication to the art of teaching is that they proceeded along with classes wholeheartedly after hearing the news. And though their careers were in an uproar, they nevertheless tried to educate us. We want them to know that we appreciate that, and we appreciate them.

It is also not fair that next semester some teachers will have to teach classes comprised of upwards of 40 students bombarded into one classroom. Catholic school is supposed to be a place where parents can pay for their children to receive individual attention. In order to achieve that, there should be no more than 25-27 students in one classroom. When parents are paying \$3,400 a year and more for their child to sit in a classroom with possibly 39 other students, their child can receive more individual attention at a public school where the education is free. It seems impossible that such a high number of students can be educated in that kind of environment.

The economic situation of the school, as well as the country, is stressful, but without good teachers, what kind of country is it going to be? Let's face it, with the way the world is today, without education, there is just no future for you.

The quality of students attending Bishop Ford is embarrassing. To attend Ford no longer means you are an above average student, it simply means that your parents can afford the tuition. Maybe if the tuition were lowered and/or the standards were upgraded, more parents would want to send their children here, and then maybe there would be more money for the school's budget.

It is sad to think how rapidly the school has declined since we were freshmen. Despite the fact that we are graduating and leaving Bishop Ford, we still care about our school. We love Bishop Ford. The teachers here are responsible for making it a great place to learn in, not the people who run this school. The teachers helped educate us, taught us how to think, helped us grow up, and gave us the courage and determination to proceed with our college studies in September.

Goodbye to all the teachers who will not be returning next semester. Thank you for all you have done for us. Good luck in whatever you do.

## Victory: At What Cost?

by James Abel

After a long, straining, eight months of tension in the Middle East, we can now breathe a deep sigh of relief. The war is over. The killing is over. Kuwait is liberated, and now we can hesitantly say there is peace.

Luckily, we had few casualties in the short, month-and-a-half war, which seemed to be an eternity. But we must not forget those people who lost their lives in battle. The fact we suffered light casualties in the war does not ease the pain the families of those soldiers have suffered. We must remember them forever.

We must also not forget the soldiers of Iraq who lost their lives in the line of battle. They were our enemies **only politically**. We must go beyond that to a human level and show some sympathy for those soldiers who were killed and for all the civilians who were killed in Baghdad and other cities. The only real enemy to the United States and Iraq and to the rest of the world is Saddam Hussein. How can a man use weapons against his own country and brainwash and threaten the people of Iraq to believe his so-called "political" views. The only guilty party here is Saddam Hussein. We must not fault the soldiers of Iraq for fighting, because they were unfortunately brainwashed.

As we sum up this brutal crisis, we must show some signs of sorrow; but we must also show a sign of forgiveness to the enemy, and we must be thankful that the war is finally over.



# Miscellaneous Reminiscences

To all my spunky cherio, fresh fellow classmates, what can I say? Oh, yeah, I'm going to miss you. Peace.

—Kelia Farguharson

To all my homies of the Class of '91, We are free!

—Zena Chandler

To Helen, Zena, Kelia, Angie, Farah,

It was real, but now you're all leaving me. Don't think I'll forget you! Have fun and be safe. Miss you all.

—Aura Robukovsky

I would like to say thank you to the women in the cafeteria for always being friendly and understanding.

—Migdalia

To you big heads,

You're out of here, and I'm not. I hate you.

—Love, Alyssa

To the JD and SCK Posse, (You know who you are). We wish you all the luck, stay chill. We will miss you all!

—Love, Terri and Chena

To all the people I suspect are losers; at our reunion, I'll know for sure.

—D.S. Kent

See you around the way. Nice knowing you, but it's time to go.

—Althea Robinson

To all the people I offended, Too bad. No, I'm just kidding. And to all the people that didn't know me, your loss. But, seriously, I'm going to miss all of you.

See you in five,

—Anthony Allison

I want to say goodbye to all the boys who caught the zoot in '91. Peace.

—DG and DA

To my Lil Poppy Benny,

I will miss you very much, I'll never forget you, and I hope we will always keep our friendship. Be good and drive carefully

—Love always, Tina

To Lenny, Paul, and Walter,

Thanks for always being there for me and helping me through the bad times. I'll miss you guys.

—Love, Thea

To Capri,

I don't know how I would have ever made it through Ford without you. We had good and bad times. We laughed and cried. I am really going to miss you; don't forget me. Keep in touch.

—Love ya, Elena

To all my fresh teachers,

Through the years, thanks for your help. I couldn't have done it without you.

—Love, Tina Tully

Mr. and Mrs. Bianchi,

I'll miss you both a lot. You are great teachers with a lot of heart. You make learning fun, and it was always a pleasure coming to your classes. I'll remember you always.

—Frank Pira

To "Goonbotz,"

I really enjoyed the last four years of being great friends, and I'm going to miss you and all our adventures together.

—Izz

To Lisa and Maria (aka "Mama"),

Thanks for always making me laugh. I'll miss ya!

—Izz

Dear friends,

It has been great. Everybody made me feel welcome to this school when I started.

One word of advice: keep in contact, preserve yourself, and have loads of fun.

Your friend,

—La Loquita

To My Dearest Sandra,

Thank you for your good friendship, good times and great laughs.

I want to wish you all the best of luck in your college. I hope that you can obtain your goal and have many other successes.

Don't ever forget me. Whenever you need me, I will always be there for you.

Your dearest friend,

—La Loquita

To the "Family" (and you all know who you are) Meredith, Dave, Lynda, Tina, Eddie, Chris & Isabel,

Over the past four years, you have all been the most trusting and best friends I could have ever asked for. Through all the wild parties and all the serious talks till 4 o'clock in the morning, we have remained very close. I really hope this continues after H.S. because friends like you all come once in a lifetime.

P.S.—Lyn & Mer: "I'm Going Down," forever.

Love Ya All,

—Peaches

aka (Marcella)

To the World's Greatest Listener, and Sister,

"Rosemarie & Marcia forever."

Love Ya Kind!

—Marcella

Dear Lyn-Ho,

It's been totally WILD! Thank God for telephones for all the secret E.K. & D.D. rendezvous (hint-hint).

You have been a great friend, a genuine friend. I'll never forget you. Please keep in touch

"Menajeuu"

—Marcie

To Tina,

What else can I say, but it's bad real! 86 st. Forever sis! You are just too much. I love ya!

—Love, Marcella

To Marcella,

The only thing to say is you are truly my best friend, and yes we will be "Rosemarie & Marsha."

—Love, Meredith

To Lynda & Tina,

Two people who I had a great four years with and hope lots more.

—Love, Meredith

To my Brothers & Nephew,

You're the greatest. I'll miss you and never forget you.

—Love, Meredith

To Isabel & Chris,

I'll miss you both, and if I have to, I'll pay upon the wedding day.

—Love, Meredith

To Ms. Leggio,

I just wanted to say that you have really helped me in the past four years. I don't know what I would have done without you. You are a real friend. I will always remember you.

—Love, Kathie

To Kristine, Christina, Maria, Anna, Lisa and Nellie,

I just wanted to tell you these three years I've known you have been great. All of you are great friends. I will always remember the parties, the beach, the comedy clubs and all the fun. I will miss you. Good luck in the future.

—Jerr and Angela

To Christina, Frank, Billy, Mike and Tony,

I might have learned something in Physics if it weren't for you guys. I'll miss you.

—Tracy Reynolds

To Maria,

Even though it's been four years, it seems like you have been with us the whole time. I'll miss you.

—Lisa and Pep

To Isabel, Danielle, Maria, Teresa, Dominica

Loretta and Tamara,

Thanks for all the laughs. I'll never forget you people.

—Christina and Lisa

To Theresa and Domenica,

We had a great time together. These past few years, we had our ups and downs, but life won't be the same without you guys. So that's why we will always keep in touch and always be the best of friends. Good luck everyone!

—Love, Maria C.

To the Senior Class,

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm finally out of Bishop Ford, but there will always be a little part in my heart for you.

—Love, Lil, Carlos

To Pep, Nel, Anna and De,

Another graduation together. It's been great! I will never forget all the laughs.

—Love, Lisa

"What a long, strange trip it's been."

—Frank Giacomini

To Nelly, Lisa, Anna,

Kristine,

I can't believe it's over. Twelve years of school together and now you're all going to St. Francis without me. School won't be easy without you guys to make me laugh. I hope things never change. I'll miss you.

—Pep

To my best friends at the corner table, my Spanish cookies, and the rest of the seniors, I love you. I wish you the best of luck in everything you do.

—Tina

To the Senior Class,

Good luck in the future and in whatever you do in life. I'll miss you all.

—Linda Nulty

To the Senior Boys,

Best of luck in the future. Let's all get together again someday.

—Anthony, Alex and

Charlie

Dear Joe,

Know that you are the best, know that you are special, know that you are my friend. Good luck with your future. Make sure you set a goal for yourself and strive to reach it. Have fun in college and don't forget to write.

—Love, Tonya Glenn

Dear Pep,

Have fun in college. We will miss you. Hope you go away to school.

You know how we know? You know how we know? Cause we're the tooth fairy.

Love,

—Anita and Nancei

I would like to say bye to the SCK Posse, to all the cool teachers, and to all the people that know me.

—Pablo

I would first like to say goodbye to my close friends, especially my junior friends, Janice, Terry, and Erica, but especially my best friend Ruby. I'll miss you all my little cookies!!

—Love, Michele Martell

To all my close friends in the senior class and everyone else, I'll miss you. You have made my four years at Ford the best!

—Love, Michele Andriano

Dear Mr. Kiernan,

We're going to miss you! From your best students.

—Rick and Anthony

To Rob,

Good luck in college. I won't miss you (just kidding).

—Nicole

To my sister Vera,

I just want you to know that I love you. I'm going to miss you a lot. You've grown so fast. I hope you succeed in everything you do. Be good, and remember: always smile for me! Love you, your sis.

—Rosemary "Capri"

To my sis, Melinda,

I'll miss you very much. Be good and keep in touch.

—Tina

To Defina,

You're a wild and crazy teacher, unlike anyone else. You make class fun and I'll never forget you. See you around sometime.

—Frank Pira

I would like to say bye to all the teachers who made my three years at Ford a pleasure.

—Tina Marcel

I'd like to say goodbye to all the ladies in the lunch room, for being so kind and, also to my friend, Stephanie.

—Angel Rivera

To all my buddies,

I'm sure we will be together, but just in case anyone goes away, I'll miss you all. To all you younger guys at Ford, good luck, and I hope you survive, like we did! Yes!

—Mark Correra (pills)

To Carleen,

I will miss you nagging at me. Good luck in college and I hope they pick on you there.

—Love, Nikki

To Zena,

Good luck in college. I hope you come back to visit me.

—Love, Nicole

To all my friends, (except Lucy),

My years at Ford have been great, thanks to you all. I wish you all the best in your future years and I'll miss you. Keep in touch!

—Love, Zuilyn

To my best friend Marcie,

How time flies. We shared the laughter and the pain. Most of all we shared the friendship. I love you a lot. I hope we remain the best of friends forever.

—Tee

To my little Cookies,

Janice, Terry, Chena, Ruby, and Lisa. I'll miss you very much. Thanks for always listening to me when I needed a friend. I love you all.

—Tina

To Mr. Gaglio,

Thanks for everything. You were a big help in my years at Ford, and you made religion easier. Plus, you are a Yankee fan. Thanks.

—Aaron

To Mr. Mingrone,

It's not all racial.

To Dr. Defina,

"Thanks. Vacuum cleaners are healthy."

To Mr. Anderson,

Thanks for your cooperation.

To Mr. Villa,

Eating and sleeping well is the key to a good life.

To Mr. Kozik,

Thanks. You're a man I will always respect.

—David Headley

To the fifty-two Park Boys,

I'll miss you guys. Be good, and don't get into too much trouble.

—Tina

To the Seniors,

I guess you are out of here, so I wish you the best of luck, because most people don't give a damn. Peace!

—Alex

To Michelle,

I wish you the best of luck in the future and, by the way, call me sometime.

—Flaco

Juan-2-3,

Ha! Ha! Just kidding. Peace to all the fellas. How do you say chair in Spanish? See-ya. ... Peace.

—Ben, Alex, Ron, Ken, Karl, Mike and Bro.

Congratulations class of '91. —John Segarra

Class of '91.

Later!

—Mitchell

Peace to the whole Ford posse. Everybody that's in and everybody getting out. I'll miss my crew, especially, and I love you. Peace.

—Duane

To the Get Fresh Crew,

Kilia, Zena, Cati, Sha, Farah, Mildred, Petlyn, and Lajuan. I'm going to miss you guys. You all are the best friends a person can have. We're out of here! Peace! I also want to tell Duane, Rob, and Kelvin that I'm going to miss you.

—Angie "AKA Emo '91"

To Allison,

I'll miss you, so don't be a stranger. Talk to you soon.

—Benny





# And Fond Farewells

To Marcella,

It has been a great four years full of both good and bad times. Those hour-long phone conversations and parties at your's and Meredith's. You've always been there for me to lend me your shoulder to cry on and I will always treasure that. I hope we will always remain close.

—Love, Lynn-Ho

To Tina,

I can't say much that hasn't been already said. Even though we just live down the block from each other, I hope we don't grow apart when college comes. I love ya!

—Love, Lynnne

To Meredith,

I've had a great time over the past four years. I hope we don't grow apart come college.

—Love, Lynda

To Isabel, Chris & Ramos,

It's been great being together, and I love you all!

—Love, Lynda

To Uncle John & Great Uncles Dave and Eddie,

I've enjoyed growing close to you guys over the past four years and I will miss you all very much. I hope we remain close after graduation. I love ya all!

Love, your niece,  
—Lynda

To Coz,

It's been great being with you at school and work. I'll love ya always. See ya at Silver Rod! I love ya!

—Love, Lynda

To Andre,

Thanks for the good times! I wish you success in whatever you do (even though you won't need my wish). You're a great friend! Keep in touch.

—Love always, Vanessa

To Thea, Sheila, Tana, and Ellen,

We made it! It's been fun, even through the tough times. I'll never forget all of you. I'll never forget the special bonds that I had with each of you (individually). Good luck in the future! I love you all!

—Your friend, Vanessa

To the Class of '91,

PEACE! We're Outtie!

—Vanessa

To the Rest of Bishop Ford,

Hang in there!

—Vanessa

To Mars,

Hi babe! It's been great knowing you. I'm glad we became friends. Plus, never forget "math" and "gym."

—Love always, Tamara

To Isabel,

It's been great knowing you and your dirty mind. You made 6th period fun. Take care and always follow your own dreams! Never give up.

—Love always, Tamara

To Sandra,

I'm glad we met! Plus that we made P.L.C. 82, which was great. Always keep in touch. Take care.

—Love always, Tamara

To Mr. Fusco,

Thanks for everything. Plus for always getting right to the point.

—Love always, Tamara

To the Class of '91,

I would like to say congratulations and good luck. We finally made it.

—Cathy Mojica

To Sandra,

I haven't known you that long, but you are a good editor and a sweet person. I hope you continue in this later in life. Keep on editing!

—Love you, Kelly

To Juan, Max, Paul, Angel, Cito and the rest of the guys, I love you all. I hope we will remain friends always. I'll miss you guys; be good and good luck!

—Love, Tina

To Mike,

I'll miss you, baby. I love you.

—Anita

Dear Mr. Faber,

It's been fun knowing you, and I'll be back to visit.

Your pal,  
—Marcos D.

To Elena, one of my good friends and Little Sister Elena, you're so bugged-out and crazy I'm gonna miss hanging out with you. Do the best always. I love you.

Your friend always,  
—Rosemary

We would like to thank Mr. Villa for all the happy times in detention.

—Janet Gonzalez and Trina Marcel

To Mr. Gaglio,

It's been fun for two years, and I think we will always be friends, you hairy beast.

—Your friend, Motty

Yo Tamara (Tammy),

Remember when we became friends freshman year, Bronco Braganza's math class? Four years of fun and great friendship! Don't even cut your hair! Or those "claws" of yours. Be good!

—Love, Marcella—MARS

To Edwin,

"Do you want to see any of your homework?" David Letterman forever.

Top ten reasons why "Barney is called . . . Barney." Number ten: Fred was already taken! Good luck to you, I wish you the best.

—Marcella

John (Latin Lover) Son,

You are the best son in the world! Keep pumping iron! Nice muscles. It's been terrific!

—Love, Mona Marcella

To the Birth Month,

You are the most gorgeous guy in school! But not in the world! BIR forever! Beep me . . .

—Love you Babe, Peaches

To Mr. Chiusano,

The sparrows are flying again!!!

—Danielle  
Isabel  
Maria  
Jennifer

Dear Honey,

I really love you, you made my years at Ford a real experience, and I'm very thankful for that. I hope our relationship continues throughout our college years.

I love you.

—Love always, Silly Bear

To Kelvin,

Good luck in college! I wish you the best in your future goals. Study long and hard, but most of all be in command! Never forget to call or write me. Love always,

—Tonya Glenn

To Valerie (my Cousin),

I just want to tell you that after you got back, we've grown closer than we ever were. We have had good times at Ford and I will never forget them. I'm going to miss you so much when I go away for college, but you know we'll keep in touch, and I'll always come back. Keep succeeding, "Cuz." make the best of it!

—Love, "Capri" "S.B.A."

To the Class of '91,

I wish you the best in your future and in your life. I hope you achieve all your goals, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next reunion.

—Tamara Dominguez

To Christine, Cynthia,

All those Friday nights were kickin'. I'll miss you guys when you are gone.

—Love, Angela

I would like to say thank you to all my teachers for working and helping me throughout the past four years. Congratulations to the Senior Class, to my close friends (you know who you are), and to the P.I.C. Posse. I love you guys, and keep in touch.

—Sandra

To Eric,

You know you are very special to me, I will never forget you.

—Love, Maria

To Roller,

See you on East 4th and Greenwood all summer! Spend the money good!

—Love, Jes, Jen, Angela, Dana and Kris

To Benny,

You know I will miss you when you are gone. You were always there for me when I needed you. I love you.

—Angela

To John,

Since you will be leaving Ford, I want you to know that I will miss you and that I love you. Forever yours,

—Phyllis

Zena: I will always care about you. You will never smile enough. Kilia, nice hair style, Farah, Ha! Ha! Ha! Mildred, I don't have a headache. Sharann, Chris, Chris . . . and Angie, too many in the mix will spoil the scratch. I love you all, May ti cirque sou boun boun.

—Dominique and Elida

Goodbye to Roots and Culture Posse! Yo Mon!

—Dominique and Elida

To Christina, Lisa, Anne, Kris, & Nellie,

The past four years have been great. You were always there when I needed a shoulder to cry on or just someone to laugh with. Thanks for the memories.

—Love Maria

To "Coz,"

It's really great being related to you. I'll miss seeing ya all the time, even though we'll still be in touch by blood!!

—Isabel

Christopher,

Thank you for making my years in high school so very special. I love you always.

—Isabel

To Dave, Eddie, Edwin, and John,

Keep on singing! I'll miss your group.

—Izz

Parrinello,

Another graduation ceremony together. You eat dogs!

—Isabel

To Ramos,

Always have a full supply of darts!! I'll miss you!

—Reyes

To Tamara,

I'll miss you. You are the coolest "walking pinata" ever.

—Isabel

To Christina, Lisa, and Lorretta,

I'll miss you guys. I had a great time!

—Love, Maria, Theresa, and Domenica

To Tina,

Stop Smoking!

—Boriqua Posse

To Everyone at the Corner Table,

I didn't forget you! You are all included in this message! I wish all the best and I'll never forget you. Especially John for all the times he bugged me.

—Love always, Tamara

To Shana,

Thanks for being there, not only in my good times but, also in the bad times

—Love always, Tamara

To Mrs. Leggio,

Thanks for always being there and being a good friend. Thank you for everything and all your help. I'll miss you, plus don't forget me.

—Love always, Tamara

To Jennifer, Elizabeth & Ramos,

I hope we all keep in touch. I'll miss all of you.

—Love, Meredith

To Lisa,

I want to tell you that you are a very special person to me. You are one of my closest friends. I'll always be here for you.

—Love, Meredith

Prestia,

I'll never forget when you were the yoo-hoo drinking right hand man!

—Isabel

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## We'll Remember Them Well

After a difficult twenty minutes of math class my sophomore year, an angry Mrs. Church (in September) said that she would finish the geometry course by November, and she couldn't definitely say when we would finish.

—Delanda Kent

Braganza—his mustache.

"Mr. Faber and his match-making."

—Tamara

Mr. Kozik—his surprising moods.

Grella—his sexy approach.

Villa—his pot belly. And how come his gold chains never get stuck in the hair on his chest?

Mr. Chinzano—"Where is the satire?"

Mr. Miraglia—"Do like a leaf and leave."

Mr. Sued—"Next order of business," "I got off track" and "I got shifted."

Kozik—"Cugine, dirt bag"

and "I will see you pumping gas in five years."

Mrs. Vasquez—"Folks, folks."

Mr. Bianchi—"Commence talking, it's your nickel."

Villa—"All right folks, let's wrap it up."

Doc—his meditation time with the advanced biology class, his E.T. finger connecting motif and the way he tries to cover up his bald spot with his hair.

Polansky—"Your writing me a letter so you can fail; all I need is your signature."

Nash—"See you in summer school."

Tuturo—"That's too cartoonish."

Fr. Jan—"I have a slip disk, I have no money, I have no women . . ."

Piscelli—"I don't know how to do it; that's why the answers are in the back of the book."

—Sandra Paul

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## FAREWELL TO FRIENDS

by Christina Prestia

Look around. Stare into your neighbor's eyes, for there are barely 10 days left to say good-bye. It's hard to imagine our last few days together. I thought the end would never come. But it has, and soon there will only be 7 days, then 5-3-2, and finally May 20th will mark our last day, the end of four years together.

It has felt like a lifetime, and now it is time to fade out. Another chapter comes to a close, yet we don't feel it. We go on as if we have another year here. But we don't.

It's over. After graduation, I will never be able to walk into a room and see all of you again.

Have you thought of all the fun we had, the teachers we drove insane, the rules we broke, and the friends we found in each other?

Well, we still have time to make new memories.

It's been like a dream. Though you may forget it and me, you will never be forgotten by me.

## Musick (?) Review

by Vincent Lijoi

The subject of music is one that we all enjoy. This article reviews this season's three most popular albums.

First off, we have the album that has been in the number one spot for some time now, Mariah Carey's **Mariah Carey**. This is an album that certainly deserves the attention it has been getting. She mixes pop with R&B to make the album sound very contemporary. From Vision of Love to Love Takes Time, she shows that putting every day life into contemporary material can be done by anyone, and since she is only in her mid 20's, we definitely should expect to see her for a long time to come. This album gets an A+.

Next on the list is M.C. Hammer's **Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em**. This album would be the perfect album to

dance to: non-stop rap, with a couple of slow songs thrown in there as well. This album definitely shows that rap music is making a comeback. There is also a message in one of the album's songs, **Help the Children**. It tells the listener not to ignore the problems children face today, and to try to do what you can to stop it from continuing, whether it be that the child is getting abused, or that the child is on drugs, to try to help in your community. I would definitely give the album an A—.

Finally, we have Vanilla Ice's **To the Extreme**. This album is another example of the comeback of rap. It has non-stop dance rap music, but lacks what I think others have that he doesn't. It is the kind of beat to the music heard that I believe other rap artists have. This album still fares well with me; I gave it a B—.

## Movie Review

by Christina Prestra

Directed by Oliver Stone, this is one of the strangest films I have seen since the 1969 hit, **Easy Rider**.

Val Kilmer, who stars, bears a striking resemblance to Jim Morrison. Meg Ryan plays Pamela Couson, Morrison's wife.

When Morrison was a young boy, he witnessed a car accident in which several Pueblo Indians died. After that point he believed that the soul of an Indian had entered his body.

Morrison was fascinated by death, but he feared pain. The film suggests that that fear of pain might have been what drove him to abuse drugs and alcohol. It was Morrison's way to escape pain.

This is not any ordinary biography of a person's life. Creativity and imagination are major components which add zest to the film.

Some felt that there were too many hallucination scenes, which made the film confusing.

I, on the other hand, enjoyed the film and felt that it was done in a more interesting and unique way than the usual biography.

## Don't Stay Home

by Clifton Regis

This summer many of you are thinking of going to Florida or Mexico. Well, if you love interesting features and breath-taking moments, and you don't like flying in the friendly skies, then I recommend New York City.

Sure, you live here, but did you know New York has fine city-owned parks. The most famous of the parks is Central Park. It extends north from 59th Street and Fifth Avenue to 110th Street, and it has an area of 890 acres. The Bronx Park includes 719 acres, and its zoo contains one of the most varied collections of animals in the world. The Botanical Gardens in Brooklyn have beautiful wooded sections and flower exhibitions. There are aquariums connected with the zoos in Bronx Park and Barret Park on Staten Island.

Manhattan is thick with buildings. The number of stories and the height of the towers have increased at an astonishing rate. Among the best known skyscrapers are the Woolworth Building, the Chrysler Building, the Empire State Building, and Rockefeller Center.

## "Mats Rock"

by William Condon

On Friday, March 8, the Replacements, along with special guests, the Connells, played to a sellout crowd at N.Y.C.'s Ritz.

MTV News was on hand to witness the Replacements' triumphant return to our area. Led by vocalist/guitarist Paul Westerberg, the Replacements blazed through a 90-minute show, mostly featuring works from their last four albums, but they also played some older material, such as "Color Me Impressed" and "Within Your Reach" from 1983's **Hootenany** L.P. Bassist Tommy Stinson even took the mike for the rare "Satellite," and early B-side.

It was a very fast-paced show, without much idle chatter between songs. The generally young crowd heard material from The Replacements' latest album, **All Shook Down**, and also from 1988's **Don't Tell a Soul**, 1987's **Pleased to Meet Me**, and 1985's **Tim**.

The show concluded with the cult favorite, "Alex Chilton," about the sixties star.

## INX, SOUP DRAGONS ROCK

by William Condon

On Saturday, February 21, Inxs and openers the Soup Dragons played to a near capacity house at Madison Square Garden.

The Soup Dragons opened the show, performing songs strictly from their second album, **Lovegod**. Although most of vocalist Sean Dickinson's warblings were not audible, the openers still received a warm reception from the Garden crowd, especially for their finale, a 7-minute version of their crossover hit "I'm Free," a Rolling Stones tune from the mid 60's.

Next came Inxs in support of their latest album, **X**. Opening the show with the hit "Suicide Blonde," vocalist Michael Hutchence and company performed material from their last five albums.

The sound system at the Garden was fairly good, and Inxs' guitar-drums-saxophone sound was well suited.

The crowd was into the show right from the start, and erupted when Hutchence went wading through the floor crowd partway through the show.

Inxs played a very tight show, devoid of long solos by any band members, and the band members played off each other extremely well.

## Ready For The World?

by Diana Carpenter

Well, seniors, another year passes. Just yesterday we were freshmen scared to walk the halls of Ford. Now we are confident young men and women receiving our diplomas, ready to say goodbye to childhood and hello to adulthood. But with adulthood comes decision-making. Right now the decision we have to make is **college or work**. So I took a poll and asked some seniors the big question: "Are you ready for the real world?" I got different responses, but they were all interesting!

"I'm ready to go to college! I want to start as soon as possible, so I can finish quicker, get my bachelor's (or masters) and start a successful career. I don't think I'll get married soon, but if I do, you'll be the first to know!"

—Rosemary Sanchez, 409

"I don't think I'm really ready for the real world, because I was pretty much a class clown. But after graduation I'm going into the United States Navy so that will kind of wake me up in a hurry!"

—Sean Nielson, 407

"Yes I am trully ready for the real world, but I am somewhat scared. Why? Because in today's society there are many things to keep a person back from doing what he has to do, but if you have a good head on your shoulders and the Lord is on your side, you shouldn't have anything to fear!"

—Petlyn Job, 405

"HELL NO. I don't know... Why? Because I'm scared to be a failure!"

—David Ramsey, 408

"Yes, I'm ready. I'm very scared to go into the real world, but I'm sure I'll do the best I can to be very successful!"

—Cathy Mojica, 406

No, not really. I don't feel I have experienced life here at Ford."

—Mark Carrara, 402

"Being accepted to F.I.T. has made me more confident of my goals for the real world. What I learn now should help me face whatever problems I'm soon to face in the future. I would like to thank all the teachers who guided me through these four years, especially Mrs. Busiello for helping me prepare for my art career. Even though the real world is competitive today, I'll be ready for it."

—Philip Vazquez, 410

"Yes, I believe that I'm ready to go out into the real world. But I'll admit that I'm scared. Because in the real world you're on your own, you can't keep running to your parents for everything, you have to depend on yourself. But I'm confident that I'll make it, because I've set my goals and I believe in myself!"

—Ellen Romilus, 408

"I don't think I'm ready for the real world. I'm very scared. Life out there can be rough, but you must be strong and a confident person and try to be the very best at whatever you do in life!"

—Maria Cacace, 402

"I feel I am not ready for the real world. Times are getting harder, going to college will help me in choosing my career. I also hope to have a good job to help me with the hard times that are ahead."

—Dawn Rotuno, 408

It will be a hard road to travel at first, but if you are strong enough, you can accomplish **anything!**

This article is for you, seniors! Good luck in everything you do, Class of '91!

## Be Edumacated!

by Danielle Ramos

Being a student isn't easy. You must juggle the many things involved in student life. As a senior, I found this year especially difficult with all the college preparations and decisions. There were so many things to be done—college applications, financial aid forms, recommendations, SAT's, interviews, midterms, finals, and more, all while you try to keep your grade-point average up for your final transcript, which the colleges always request. Many of us hold jobs and have family responsibilities to fulfill also. It can be a trying and difficult time.

The message "Stay in School" is on television all the time, and we have all heard it before. A lot of teenagers think that dropping out is the easy way. School is too confining or boring for some. This can be true. There are times when you feel as if you can't take it any more, but you must realize that education is the only way to make it in this world.

With the current recession, employment is hopeless without skills or training. Dropping out is naive. You cannot get so desperate at such a young age, because your whole future is out the window, someone whose self esteem is dangerously low, because they feel inferior when applying for jobs, because they have little education.

Staying in school gives you the opportunity not only to learn more about the world but also about yourself. A good education teaches you not only how to memorize and recite facts, but how to think and create. It helps you grow up. It helps you to recognize beauty and nature. It helps prepare you for the real world.

I congratulate all of the seniors, because we have gone through everything these past four years, through the good times and the bad times, and we earned our diplomas and we deserve them. Underclassmen: Stay in school! It's the only way.

**CONGRATULATIONS, 1991 SENIORS!**







